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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY/AGENT NUMBER 64-06A
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2004/030168		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/528,110
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE September 17, 2004		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED November 17, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION Devices and methods for Growing Plants		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US AeroGrow International, Inc.		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:


1. ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: **Copy of response to notification of defects.**

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Express Mail mailing number: <u>ER898774707</u>	Date of deposit: <u>15 September 2004</u>
File reference no.: <u>04-06-LVO</u>	International application no. (if known):
Title of the invention: <u>Devices and Methods for Growing Plants</u>	
Earliest priority date claimed (Day/Month/Year): <u>17/11/2003</u>	

☒ This is a new International Application

SCREENING DISCLOSURE INFORMATION:

In order to assist in screening the accompanying international application for purposes of determining whether a license for foreign transmittal should and could be granted and for other purposes, the following information is supplied. (check as many boxes as apply):

☐ The invention disclosed was **not** made in the United States of America.☐ There is no prior U.S. application relating to this invention.☒ The following prior U.S. application(s) contain subject matter which is related to the invention disclosed in the attached international application. (NOTE: priority to these applications may or may not be claimed on the Request (form PCT/RO/101) and this listing does not constitute a claim for priority.)

application no.	<u>10/714,786</u>	filed on	<u>17/11/2003</u>
application no.	<u>60/553,102</u>	filed on	<u>16/03/2004</u>

☒ The present international application contains additional subject matter not found in the prior U.S. application(s) identified above. The additional subject matter is found on pages 1-75 and ☒ DOES NOT ALTER ☐ MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO ALTER the general nature of the invention in a manner which would require the U.S. application to have been made available for inspection by the appropriate defense agencies under 35 U.S.C. 181 and 37 C.F.R. 5.15.

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Sheets of abstract: <u>1</u>	Certified copy of priority document (specify): <u>Ø</u>
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTS
IN THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defects in the International Application, mailed 17 DEC 2004, please accept the enclosed New Page #1. As requested, "INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR:" has been removed.

Respectfully submitted,

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